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	<b>Application Number</b>	/
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I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

APPARATUS AND METHOD OF SOFT SORTING FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

(Title of the Invention)

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